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10 CTS PER WEEK

IS STILL IN THE COAL TRADE, AND HERE TO STAY. THE BEST SOFT COAL IN THE MARKET AT \$1.75 PER TON AT THE YARD, AND \$2.00 PER TON DELIVERED SPOT CASH, AND DON'T FORGET 2,000 POUNDS FOR A TON. d20dt

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

Festival at the tabernacle Tuesday night.

Boys' all-wool flannel waists at B. Stine's. d6tf

Colored society will soon enjoy a fashionable ball.

Court commences at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Choice bulk and canned oysters at Wood Bros'. d6dw

Holiday presents at the tabernacle on Tuesday. d7dt

Nice raised candies 15c per pound at Wood Bros'. d6dw

Zephyrs and crewels at cost, at Miss Watson's. d4-d&w

Patronize the children at the tabernacle on Tuesday. d7dt

The board of supervisors will meet in this city on Tuesday next.

Home made broken candy 20c per pound at Wood Bros'. d6dw

Fancy and useful articles at the tabernacle on Tuesday. d7dt

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The Wabash baggage men at the depot have received their new caps.

Ed. Deuz has just received a lot of the finest suitings in the city. d63dw

Best 25 cent dinner in the city at Kres's lunch room, 145 E. Prairie St. d26dtf

Presbyterian fair Tuesday afternoon and evening at the tabernacle. d7dt

"Burr Oaks" goes to Springfield from here and will be played there for two nights.

The New Deming is entertaining about ten members of the "Burr Oaks" company.

Yesterday was one of the kind of days that tries men's souls and the soles of their boots.

Gents' smoking jackets, the latest novelties for Christmas presents, at B. Stine's. d6tf

The largest and best assortment of Christmas candies in the city at Wood Bros'. d6dw

Novelties in gents' smoking jackets just received for Christmas presents, at B. Stine's. d6tf

General Manager Talmage of the Wabash, has just returned to St. Louis after a tour of the road.

Children's cloaks, children's hoods, children's knit vests, at cost. Miss S. C. Watson, 214 North Park street. d4-d&w

Rev. C. N. Thompson, of Cincinnati, has been installed as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Morristown.

Patti and Modjeska carry with them one maid and a husband each. One is for use and the other for ornament.

Wm. Chrisman and a character known as "Little Joe," were run by the levee police last evening for drunkenness.

Come to the tabernacle Tuesday evening for French candies made by the young ladies of the Presbyterian church. d7dt

Canned and bulk oysters and fresh celery at P. Rueben's & Co.'s at their new store next to Milliken's Bank. N1—f

Poor Old Uncle Tom, Little Eva and the blood hounds at the opera house on Wednesday evening. Go and take the children.

Mrs. Hibben, of Peoria, and other speakers, will talk to the people at the tabernacle this afternoon. Everybody is invited to come out.

If you want fine illustrated books, history, biography or poetry, go to the City Book Store, where you will find a full stock to choose from. d61dw

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will give a fair at the tabernacle on Tuesday evening, at which there will be many new and interesting features.

An exchange says that the meeting of congress on Monday was not one of the blessings for which the people gave thanks and gormandized turkey on the 27th ult.

The City Book Store will make a grand opening display of Christmas

cards and fancy goods, rare and cheap, on Tuesday morning next. Go and see. d632tw

Go to Wingate's lamp store and buy one of those steam washing machines, if you want to see the dirt roll out of your clothes without a scald of rubbing. s91

The revival meetings at the Church of God Bethel on North Water street, will be continued every night this week. During the past week the meetings have been very successful.

Mr. Bobb, the lamp lighter, will retain his position most likely. It is said that the charges against Mr. Bobb were made through jealousy and by persons endeavoring to wrong him.

New York buckwheat flour, Chase's pure sugar syrup, California canned and dried fruits, and oysters in bulk or can, at Peck's Grocery Store, 235 North Water street, telephone No 8 d6 dw

It is stated that the Illinois Central and the Indianapolis & St. Louis roads pay the highest average wages to employees of any roads in the country and the Baltimore and Ohio the lowest.

A Chinaman viewed the cable cars in Chicago for quite a while and then expressed himself in the following American style: "No horse, no mule, no pushes, no paulee; but goes like hellie."

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The Iron Moulder's Club of this city will give a grand masquerade ball at the Tabernacle, Wednesday evening, Dec. 31, 1854, to which all are invited. Grand march at 9:30. Masks will be raised at the door. New Opera House Full Orchestra. d7-lw

Miss Mollie Laux will give instructions in painting and sketching, in oil, water colors and crayon, also in copying and enlarging pictures. For terms, etc., inquire at Palace Hotel. d5&w1w

Carter's Little Liver Pills will positively cure sick headache and prevent its return. This is not talk, but truth. One pill a dose. To be had of all druggists. See advertisement. n28d0d1m

One of the best places in the city to get choice oysters, stewed in any style, a good lunch, or warm meals at all hours, for 25 cents, or the best imported or domestic cigar, is at H. Singletary's, west side old square. d

Have you noticed the handsome pen drawing in the display window of the City Book Store, that is to be given away Christmas, to the student making the most improvement in plain penmanship at the Central Business College. d7 dt

Let others say what they will, we carry the largest stock of children's books for Christmas, and our prices are the very lowest that we can stand. You can save money by buying your books of us. J. T. Hand & Co., one door west of postoffice. d4d&w1w

The board of supervisors of Christian county have just completed the erection of an addition to the county almshouse, and the wicked editor of the Assumption Enterprise ventures the remark that this will be good news to some of these enthusiastic patriots who bet on Blaine.

Leave your orders with Miss S. L. Shafer, at N—, 103 Prairie street, north end of Central Block, in Millinery, hair and fancy goods. Mrs. Dawkins has charge of hair and dress making department. Orders for wigs, chains, front, curls, switches and everything in our line promptly done. d6d&w1w

Wm. Neidermeyer, on Merchant street, who always keeps a complete line of fresh groceries, has just received a new supply of all kinds of dried and canned fruits, pickles, hominy, oysters in bulk or can; also just received a big supply of all kinds of holiday candies. Remember his place is on Merchant street. d2-1w

Dr. C. A. McLean, of twenty years' experience in his profession, has located on Durfee street, in this city and has an office over the New York store. He will give careful attention to all business entrusted to him. Medicines furnished. Special attention to the diseases of children. Nov18d1m

The ladies of Elijah Lodge, No. 2359, Household of Ruth, will have a festival in the building on North Main street, second door north to Herald office, on Thursday, the 18th inst. Refreshments of all kinds will be served, and they cordially invite their friends to come and partake with them. Admission 10 cents.

The jury in the damage case of Downing vs. Thomas found a verdict on Friday evening, and sealing it

placed it in the hands of the officer in charge of them. It will be returned to the court to-morrow and then opened. Downing and his friends are confident of a verdict in their favor.

The congregation of St. John's Episcopal church have received their new pipe organ recently purchased at a cost of \$1500. Several days will be consumed in placing it in position, when a free organ recital will be given and will be participated in by some of the best musicians in the city. The instrument is a handsome one and will prove a valuable addition to St. John's church.

For spot cash we will sell anything in our stock at prices that will surprise the natives. Our stock of holiday goods is large and well assorted. Children's books in endless variety. Fine gift books, albums, and a thousand and one articles. Call and get our prices. J. T. Hand & Co., one door west of postoffice. d4d&w1w

The young ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a fair and festival at the tabernacle on Tuesday afternoon and evening, the 9th of December. Those desiring Christmas presents may find them there in great variety and abundance, and at very low prices. Refreshments will be served in the evening, and a pleasant time will be assured all who attend.

"Hornets this year are building their nests on the ground," says an oracle, "and hence we may conclude that we will have a hard winter." Says another: "The musk-rats in all the northern lakes are weeks later than usual in building their winter houses, from which we calculate on a late and mild winter. You can take your choice, but it will be just as well to lay in fancies and a good supply of coal.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Relief Committee held at Mrs. L. Burrows' home the other day, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. L. Burrows; vice-president, Mrs. W. B. Chambers; secretary, Mrs. H. C. Johns; treasurer, Wm. M. Boyd. Committees in each of the different wards were appointed and the society decided to confine its work to cases of destitution occasioned by sickness or old age and to little children.

A subscriber asks the question: "Is it a fine offense for one to read a postal card unless the card is intended for himself?" The law very plainly says that any person who breaks open a letter or reads a postal card, after it has passed through the postoffice, for the purpose of obstructing correspondence or prying into the business of another, is liable to a fine of \$500, or imprisonment at hard labor for one year.

Diphtheria has been raging violently among the smaller children of Long Creek and for the present it has been deemed advisable to close the primary school. In many portions of the state this dreaded disease has made its appearance and in many localities has raged with alarming fatality.

Parents in this city should look well to their children's health and guard especially against diphtheria. The wet and changeable condition of the weather is apt to produce sickness among children.

D. S. Shellabarger & Co., will deliver to any part of the city until further notice—

Corn per bushel, 35 cents.

Oats (well cleaned) per bushel, 27 cents.

Bran 100 lbs, 60 cents.

White shorts 100 lbs, 80 cents.

Corn chops 100 lbs, 80 cents.

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When you are in town be sure and see the fine stock of Christmas goods, consisting of books, games, toys, bibles, albums, pictures, etc., etc. We have a large stock of goods and must sell them. We will make prices to suit. What we want is to clean out our entire stock of Christmas goods. J. T. Hand & Co., one door west of postoffice. d4d&w1w

The largest stock of fine oil paintings ever shown in Decatur, and at the same time our prices are way down. A good large genuine oil painting for \$3.00. Plenty of other goods for holiday trade. We mean to sell, and will not stand for big profits. Save money and buy of J. T. Hand & Co., one door west of postoffice. d4d&w1w

Persons intending to attend the World's Exposition at New Orleans should call at the Illinois Central ticket office and secure a copy of the World's Exposition Messenger, which furnishes full and complete information concerning the Exposition, a map of New Orleans, and a cut of the main building of the Exposition. Remember also that the Illinois Central is the only line that runs through cars from Decatur to New Orleans.

The fever for roller skating has spread to a remarkable degree, and it will probably be but short time before they will be used by all the waiters in the hotels, the bar maids and the salesmen and women throughout the city. Business was said to be light in one of the million establishments in block —. South Adams street, and two of the girls employed there put on their rollers

and attended to customers, gracefully rolling back and forth behind the counters until they reduced the business to an absolute science. This only shows to what extent the craze may be carried, and the day is not far distant when one of the necessary qualifications for employment will be a thorough knowledge of the art of roller skating.—Peoria Transcript.

The old reliable City Book Store doesn't propose to be undersold or switched off the track. It doesn't cost much to mark goods up and then mark them down again, but Bevans doesn't propose to do business in that way. Customers may rely on getting Christmas books and cards, scrap books, photographs and auto

graph albums, games, oil paintings and chromos as low as a dollar, and some things a good deal lower. d4d&w1w

Capt. D. H. Baker has sold his residence property on West North street to P. B. Few, the grocer, for a consideration of \$4,000, who will soon take possession of it. The captain and his family will remove to northern Alabama, where he has large land interests and is extensively engaged in the lumber business. His company's mills have a capacity of cutting about 50,000 feet of lumber per day. In company with his family he will remove to their new home on Tuesday next. They have many friends here who wish them a prosperous and happy life in future.

"Burr Oaks" was produced at the opera house yesterday afternoon and again last evening. At the matinee performance the company was greeted with a good house but in the evening there was quite an array of empty seats, which occasionally held an occupant. Under such discouraging circumstances it is not to be wondered at that the company did not come up to the acting of Friday evening. Mr. Bentley and Miss Brooklyn, however, were frequently applauded. The fine scenery was the subject of general comment, and was shown here to a splendid advantage. From here the company goes to Springfield.

The light-fingered gentry paid their respects to the good people of Barrington on Friday evening. Peck's store was entered and a quantity of goods carried away. They also entered the residence of J. A. Davidson, stealing an overcoat, several sack coats and pairs of pantaloons, some pocket knives, cigars and other articles. There had been a party of some kind at Davidson's, in the clothing and other articles had temporarily been placed in a summer house, which was entered through a window, although the door was not locked. Suspicion rests on a couple of hard looking characters seen about the village on Friday. The police here have been notified and are on the lookout for the thieves. Davidson offers a reward of \$10 for their arrest and the return of the goods or a portion of them.

Maggie Mitchell.

On next Friday evening Maggie Mitchell will appear at the opera house in this city, in "Little Barefoot," a play in which she is a most as well known as in "Fanchon." Her reputation is so thoroughly established that the mere mention of her coming is almost sufficient advertisement to fill the house to overflowing. Everybody likes her, and indeed there is no more deserving actress on our stage. Purely original, she is at the head of a very pleasing school of acting, having not only much witchery of action, rompingness and animation, but also the ability to express emotion and pathos most effectively. She has the wonderful faculty of being wild without being offensive, and lively without straining or unnaturalness. In the pathetic parts of the piece she is just as natural as in the pure comedy bits, and the transition from one to the other is as purely artistic as any acting could possibly be. The prices are 50 and 75 cents and \$1. Sale of seats commences on Tuesday morning at Curtis & Co's.

Uncle Tom.

The time-honored Uncle Tom's Cabin will be produced here Wednesday evening by S. Draper's company. The Peoria Transcript says the following of it: "S. Draper's Uncle Tom's Cabin was the attraction at the Grand last evening. As we predicted, the house was a good one. The play seemingly never grows old. The company presenting it is a fairly good one. It is doubtful whether there is any improvement in putting on two Topsy and two Marks. The audience last night was a good-humored one and seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Topsy was the great attraction, and the two divided the honors, one being a fair singer and the other a good dancer." Prices: Gallery, 25 cents; children, 25 cents; general admission, 35 cents; reserved seats, 50 cents.

Regular communication of Ionic Lodge No. 312 A. F. & A. M. Monday evening, the 8th, at 7:30, sharp, annual meeting, election of officers, etc., etc. Visiting brethren cordially invited. F. M. Young, W. M. J. C. Hostetler, Sec.

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Mr. and Mrs. John D. Fisher, of St. Joe, Mo., arrived here yesterday, and are guests at the St. Nicholas.

General Master Mechanic Johann, of the Wabash, was in the city yesterday on business connected with his road.

Miss Katie Wagenseiler

BUSINESS TOPICS.

The Private Banking-House of Seagrave & Co., at Toledo, O., Falls for \$500,000.

An Improvement Noticeable in the General Condition of Trade—Record of Failures for the Week.

The Industrial Depression in Pennsylvania—Turbo Strikers at New Haven, Conn.

HEAVY FAILURES.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 6.—The bank of Raynor, Seagrave & Co. has failed. The first indication the public had of the firm's weakness was in the appearance yesterday morning on the doors of the bank of the following notice:

"Bank suspended; cause general business depression and too much real estate."

Within o'clock an assignment of all the real and personal property was filed at the Probate Judge's office. No one was present, and the assignment was made to E. C. Rhodes, a prominent attorney of this city.

Mr. Seagrave said that a failure was caused by depression in business, inability to collect notes falling due, and expenses in liquidating large real estate interests.

"We have no estate," said he, "that could be sold, and I am numbered to the amount of \$100,000. It is even time to sell if this we are not to incur bankruptcy. At the rate's we are it will be hard to pay the men claimants, and so this we owe the city railway and the Toledo Cotton Mills. The facilities are situated at Scottock, and will not fall into the hands of the debtors."

Most of the debts are due to Eastern parties, and therefore the suspension only creates a temporary hurry here. Mr. Seagrave said he intended to hold out as long as possible.

The Knights of Labor are holding a strike for the purpose of building a

new building, and was most ungrateful, as he said, when debts were taken in. Several days ago he expected his men could be compelled to the assets and liabilities, and was negotiating with the firm, as Mr. Seagrave has been a great political factor in the city, and was embarrassed by the fact that he had threatened the strikers.

The firm is confident that it will pull through. If the bank can sell the city railway it will start again.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 6.—The Michigan Stove & Machine Company made an assignment yesterday to Pearl J. Burnham. The liabilities are estimated at \$150,000, with nominal assets of \$100,000.

The firm, previously the assignment of John C. Burnham, its president, to get Mr. Burnham to pay him off, a small number of which is expected to be less than \$100,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The general commercial situation throughout the United States during the last year, as reported to the Senate, shows no material evidences of improvement. In the face of the continued depression, the somewhat surprising fact is not of itself at several important points the feeling in these cities is more buoyant and that there is a complete absence of the usual gloominess in the business atmosphere. The view is, however, that the new way will not be the indicated. The new way, as far as business is concerned, is to success, not at success, and, while the new way has been greatly improved, owing to more direct popularly by farmers and in a few sister cities, such as Savannah, Ga., and Indianapolis, Ind. At the last-mentioned place, however, the Christmas holiday trade is presented as a factor. In all cities this has provided a great degree of brightness generally than has been experienced in some time past, though, per present advice, the volume is almost uniformly smaller than at like periods in previous years.

The slight improvement in the tone of the dry-goods trade noted at Boston last week is sustained, and there are reports that country dealers' stocks are not accumulating.

The decline in the purchasing power of the residents of manufacturing communities, however, is making itself felt in the dry-goods trade, and sales to jobbers have fallen away.

Woolen futures at New York have been excited and higher, due mostly to manipulation, and have been followed by avots.

There were 256 failures in the United States reported during the week, against 237 in the preceding week, and 245, 247 and 189 in the corresponding weeks of 1888, 1882 and 1881, respectively. Classified by sections and compared with last week, the result is as follows:

STATES.	Failure	Previous Week	Failure	Previous Week	Failure	Previous Week
Middle.	63	55	8	6	—	—
New England.	32	35	1	1	—	—
Southern.	193	195	15	15	—	—
Western.	193	195	15	15	—	—
Ex-Confederate and Territories.	20	19	10	10	—	—
Total.	296	297	55	55	—	—
Canada.	31	35	3	3	—	—

WORKERS AND THEIR WAGES.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 6.—The hollow-ware glass-workers met last night to consider the five per cent. reduction, and after a lengthy discussion, unanimously decided to resist any attempt to cut wages. In this city there are eleven factories, employing about two thousand men. Shoenberger & Co., iron manufacturers, last evening ordered a fifteen to twenty per cent. reduction in the wages of all workers, to go into effect immediately. At Zieg & Co.'s Sable Iron-Works had the fire was discharged, and the other half will resume work on Monday. On the Western Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad one thousand men, principally teamsters, have been discharged within the past week. The reduction is about ten per cent. of the working force. Reports have been received of the Pig-Iron Association's headquarters here that a number of furnaces will blow in during next month. It is said the stock on hand is much lighter now than it has been for years, yet there is no prospect for better wages at present.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 6.—The difficulties between the employers and the striking haters at South Norwalk culminated in a public demonstration. Ringers of the importation of non-union men brought out the strikers in force, and while no open acts of violence were committed the threats of the mob so alarmed the manufacturers that they telegraphed Governor Waller, at Meriden, for assistance, alleging that the Mayor and Sheriff were unable to maintain order. The Governor sent word to advise with Adjutant-General Couch, who is now at Norwalk, and said he would come himself if necessary. A large mob surrounded the depot and closely watched all trains. At midnight a committee of the strikers joined with the Sher-

iff in issuing a reassuring bulletin, but at this hour (one a.m.) many of the strikers are drinking heavily and trouble is feared.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 6.—The Boot and Shoe Manufacturers' Association has decided to close the factories the men refusing to arrange for arbitration. About five thousand men will thus be in enforced idleness. The Ingrain Carpet Manufacturers last night reaffirmed their determination to stand against the striking weavers. A dispute from Easton announces that the state men at Pen Argyl are on strike against a second reduction in wages.

IN THE TOILS.

Arrest of Several Parties Who are Said to have Been Floating the Sucker State with Spurious Coins.

ALTON, Ill., Dec. 6.—United States Marshal Darwin, of Springfield, yesterday arrested Barney Brewington, an employee of the National Flour Mills of this city, charged with being concerned in the manufacture and circulation of counterfeit silver dollars. Brewington has been employed in his present position for twenty years, and is highly spoken of. His family reside in Litchfield, where he owns property valued at more than \$5,000. Litchfield, it is charged, is the headquarters of the band, and the place where the "queer" is made. Brewington was taken to Springfield last evening.

LITCHFIELD, Ill., Dec. 5.—Thomas Heaphy

early was arrested here yesterday on the charge of counterfeiting. He is supposed to be a companion of Brewington, arrested at Alton yesterday. On searching the home of the latter at this place officers found a quantity of counterfeit dollars and notes, with a large purse of gold coins, a quantity which had been taken.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 5.—Henry

Friend Stet's Master, John L. Nichols

boarded to this city. Thomas Heaphy, was apprehended at Keokuk, Iowa, on Wednesday. He is a citizen of this place, and is one of the leading men in each section which has been interested in counterfeiting for years and possibly still through the State, from Harris Creek, Addison County, to Mount Vernon, Ind. He has been engaged by the master for over three months. Two of the leaders of the gang are serving time in the Chester Penitentiary.

The New Hampshire Exposition.

DURHAM, N. H., Dec. 6.—Under particularly strained show man Stephen Young, in whose cause the explosion previously reported occurred, last night, Tuesday night, a new dynamite for blasting purposes was seized. One of the party, to scare the others, fired a revolver and the gun exploded, an explosion of the dynamite. The noise was blown to pieces and burned up. One person, a Frenchman, employed by Young, was killed outright, and seven were wounded. One is of the amount of \$50,000 and an amount of railroad stock were destroyed. Miss Sophie Field, of Worcester, was blown through a window and her head cut open. Several of these United will probably die. Among them is Stephen Young, of Rochester, and it is likely Stephen Young, at whose house the explosion occurred.

Assassins Meet Their Doom.

OTTAWA, Ontario, Dec. 6.—Frank Teets, aged about sixty, was found here yesterday for poison his wife Rose a year ago last month. Up to the last the old man who has been blind since childhood, except that he would be put out. At a late hour last night a telegram was received from the Minister of Justice at Ottawa, advising that the day before had refused to interfere. When the day before the murderer's neck was broken and he died instantly.

SALEM, O., Dec. 6.—Samuel Farnas and Jose Matto Nido were hanged yesterday morning for the murder of Amalia Chumana, on the 26th of December last.

Eastern Fishermen Fear Free Trade.

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 6.—A large

meeting of representative business men of Gloucester considered yesterday the proposal of a reciprocity treaty between the United States and Canada which shall include free admission of British-caught fish into our markets. The speakers pointed out the importance of immediate and united action to protect the interests of American fishermen against the dangerous competition which must result from admitting into this market free the products of Canadian markets." A committee was appointed to invite co-operation of other New England fishing ports.

Cleveland Will Not Attend the Carnival.

MONTRÉAL, Can., Dec. 6.—A meeting of the Carnival Committee was held Thursday evening. Consul-General Stearns read a letter from Governor Cleveland containing a cordial acknowledgment of the committee's invitation, with regret that the pressure of official engagements would prevent his acceptance thereof. Invitations are being issued to the State Governors, to the Commander-in-Chief and his staff, and other prominent citizens of the Union. Colonel W. E. Simon, of the Park Theater, Brooklyn will be in charge of the fireworks.

A Town Swept by Flames.

BRECKINRIDGE, Colo., Dec. 6.—This place

was visited by a destructive fire late last evening. Twenty buildings in the heart of the town were burned, among them being the Grand Central Hotel; Findley & Co. hardware; H. H. Irwin, dry-goods; H. H. Moo side, boots and shoes; W. F. Forman store-house and dwelling; Newcomb, assay office, and Radin's livery stable. The loss is estimated at between \$90,000 and \$75,000; insurance unknown.

The Grand Army of the Republic.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 6.—The Department of Maine of the Grand Army of the Republic appointed committee and is making other arrangements preparatory to the annual National Grand Army Encampment, appointed to be held here in 1885. Benjamin Williams, of Rockland, is Chairman of the State Executive Committee; A. M. Sawyer, of Portland, Secretary; and Frederick Reiter, of Gorham, Treasurer.

Neville Has a Rival.

DAYTON, O., Dec. 6.—Thomas J. Ben-

skin was arrested here yesterday at the instance of his wife, who charges him with bigamy. Mrs. BenSkin alleges that her husband deserted her three years ago at Toledo, since when he has been at Fort Wayne, Logansport, Cincinnati and Dayton. At each of these places she alleges he has married.

The Grand Fund All Right.

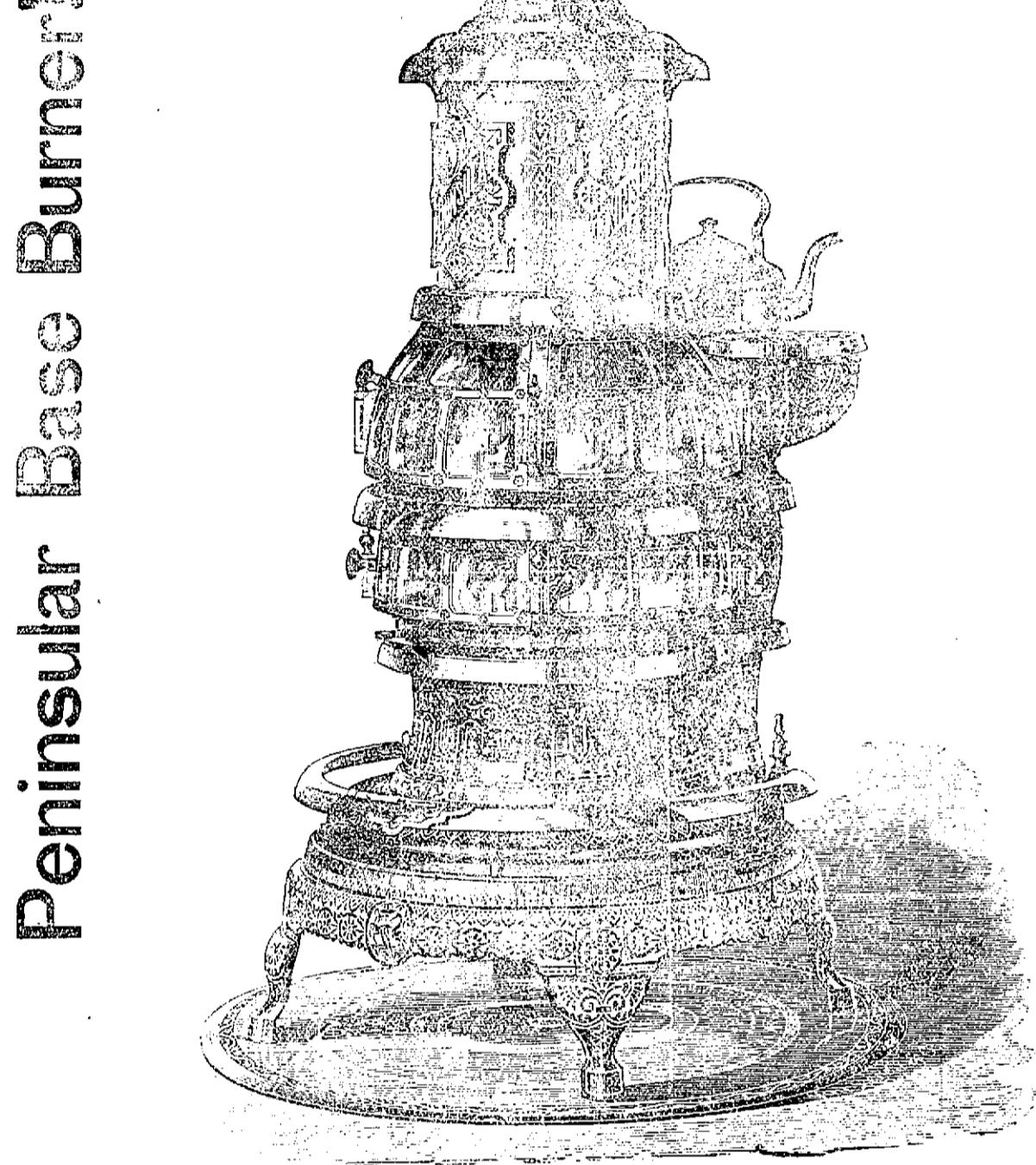
NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—George W. Jones,

of the Times, reiterates his statement that the Grand fund of \$250,000 in Wabash bonds has not failed to pay interest; that the late Edwin D. Morgan guaranteed the principal of the subscription, and that the large estate of the latter is in no way li-

Peninsular Base Burner,

Round and Square,

With Ovens and Without



The Best Base Burner Ever Offered to the People of Decatur

These STOVES will keep fire better, will consume less fuel on account of their superior fitting, than any other Stove of the class in the market. They are symmetrical in their proportions of elegant design, and in keeping with the surroundings in the most handsomely furnished rooms. They have all the good points known to the trade.

WILL GIVE SATISFACTION IN EVERY CASE

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MOREHOUSE, WELLS & CO.

134 East Main Street.

GO TO CHURCH

BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. Dr. Geo. Vosburgh pastor. Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. Owing to the illness of the pastor there will be no preaching to day.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN—Services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. by the pastor Rev. Prostle. Sunday school at 2 p.m. Young people's meeting at 6:30 p.m. All are cordially invited. Morning subject "Ye Must Be Born Again."

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH—Rev. A. W. Weller pastor. Morning subject "Man's Knowledge of Christians" Evening subject "What Shall I Do?" Sunday school, 2 p.m. Place of worship in half corner of North Main and Eldorado streets. Pastor's residence 317 Durfee street. All are cordially invited.

CHRISTIAN—Preaching by the pastor T. W. Pukerton, at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Morning subject "The Eldership" Evening theme "The Opinion of Great Men of the Bible" Sunday school at 2:00 p.m. All invited.

SAINTS' GOSPEL—Rev. Geo. Stevens, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. by the pastor. Sunday school at 2 p.m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday night at 7:00. You are invited.

CHURCH OF GOD—M. S. Newcomer pastor. Services at usual hours. Morning subject "The Opinions of Great Men of the Bible" Sunday school at 2:00 p.m. All invited.

First M. E. CHURCH—Preaching at 10:30 a.m. by the pastor, T. I. Coulter. Sunday school at 2 p.m. Class meets at 9:00 a.m. Young people's meeting at 6:15 p.m. Address on services by Mrs. Hibben of Peoria at 7 p.m.

UNIVERSALIST—Rev. Sophie Gibb, pastor. Services at the usual hours. Morning subject "Christ the Light of Men" Evening sermon by Rev. S. C. Gibb. Subject "Christian Faith." See door to room in the rear of the church.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—Holy Communion 7 a.m. Sunday school 9:15 a.m. service and sermon 11 a.m. Evening service 7:00 p.m.

HOUSE OF PRAYER—Services at 10:30 a.m. Holy communion 8 a.m. in service and sermon at 11 a.m. Evening prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Y. M. C. A.—Gathering at the rooms at 6:30 p.m. This is a social meeting and not a meeting.

GERMAN M. E. CHURCH—Services at 10:30 a.m. in preaching. 11 a.m. Evening service at 6:15 p.m. Expenses of 10:30 a.m. service and sermon fees are cordially invited. Wm. S. Smith, pastor.

JAMES CRADLE SISTERS—Services at 10:30 a.m. in the room of the Ladies' Aid Society. No. 101 Merchant Street at 9 a.m.

THE CHURCHES—Rev. J. H. Baker pastor. Classes meet at 10:30 a.m. in the church at 11 a.m. Sunday school at 12 p.m. Prayer meeting at 7 p.m.

OUR SCHOOLS.

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LATE NEWS BY CABLE.

The British House of Lords Finally Passed the New Franco-Belgo Bill.

China's Threat to Break the Formosa Blockade Regarded as Insincere by France.

The Plotters Against the Lives of Germany's Royal Family Placed on Trial.

GENERAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

London, Dec. 6.—The Franco-Belgo bill was read a third time in the House of Lords yesterday afternoon, and was subsequently passed by that body.

BERNE, Dec. 6.—M. Schenck has been elected President of the Swiss Confederation for 1885 and M. Doumer Vice-President, Bothar Radicals.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—A Standard's Standard dispatch says that it is believed that the orders to the Chinese fleet to attack the French fleet and relieve Keefung are only a bluff. It is not believed that China will risk the loss of her fleet in a naval battle. It is believed that the Chinese fleet is really intended for an attack on Saigon, or for some similar operation. The men of the ticonians on board the Chinese fleet in India are said to be 4,000 feet to their relatives in the event of their being killed.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—It has been discovered that vessels at the London docks, which were supposed to be taking on board cargo of provisions, are really loading with munitions of war for China.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The French Ambassador, in an interview with Greville, has minimized that the proposed plan of Eng 2 and for the settlement of the Egyptian debt might be accepted by France, and the condition that French rights in the Suez Canal would be guaranteed; also the formation of an international board for the financial control or extension of the functions of the Cassé de la Dette Publique.

BRAUNS, Dec. 6.—The trial of the eight Anarchists accused of having engaged in a dynamite plot against the lives of the Emperor and Crown Prince has begun at Leipzig. The prosecution shows that dynamite was concealed in hollowed trees bordering the route taken by the royal party. That dynamite was also placed under the water in a culvert below the road from which electric wires ran into the forest, where they connected with the mines of Beaufort and Knechtel, employers. Buch and Sader were the originators of the plot. They are charged with the crime of high treason, and the other as accessories. The trial excites a great deal of interest among the workmen of Germany.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—D. Nedoeplo & Sons merchants, have failed, with liabilities of \$450,000. Their failure is attributed to the financial crisis in the Panamanian districts.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—General Sir Charles Warren has arrived at the Cape to take command of the expedition against the Boers. The universal opinion is that the time has arrived to settle forever the question of English or Dutch supremacy at the Cape.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Smalley's cotton-mill at Farnworth, in Lancashire, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The House of Lords yesterday, sitting as the Supreme Court of Appeal, decided that the indorsee of a bill of lading was not liable for freight.

RECIPROCITY WITH THE UNITED STATES.

HAZELTON, N.Y., Dec. 6.—At a public meeting Thursday night, after several speeches favoring reciprocity with the United States, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce unite with the Board of Trade of St. John in requesting the Dominion Government to take prompt and effective steps for rearranging a reciprocity treaty with the United States on fair terms, and to make efforts to secure advantages in trade relations with the Spanish and British West India Islands."

Senators Power moved that the Executive Committee of the Chamber be instructed to prepare a memorial to the Dominion Government asking for negotiations in favor of a reciprocity treaty as in the above resolution, and embodying such arguments and statistical information in favor of same as they may deem fit. The motion passed unanimously.

Wisconsin Lakes to Be United by Canals.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 6.—A project to connect the more important lakes of Waukesha County by canals has for some time been under consideration by a number of men here, and bids fair to be carried into effect. The Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company has agreed to give material assistance to the undertaking, and a number of private citizens have subscribed \$1,000 or more to a fund for that purpose. It is proposed to build canals which will permit the passage of pleasure steamers between the various lakes, a regular line to be established and operated between the principal points on the lakes during the summer season. St. Paul parties contemplate the erection of a magnificent summer hotel on Oconomowoc Lake.

Suicide of a Love-Sick Youth.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 6.—Leo Heller, a young iron-worker, attempted to kill Miss Dunning in the office of Justice of the Peace Dunning, but being prevented by the latter, deliberately shot himself dead. Heller had been paying attention to the girl, who tired of him. He threatened her, and she had him arrested therefor. Heller and Squire Dunning and the girl were alone in the office yesterday, preparatory to a trial, when Heller drew a pistol and pointed it at the girl, saying, "I'll give you satisfaction." Dunning sprang at him and prevented him from killing Miss him, but could not keep him from killing himself.

Gratia in Ohio.

CORAL SPRINGS, O., Dec. 6.—The Board of Agriculture of Ohio reports the condition of wheat at the present time as ninety-three; rye eighty-nine, and barley eighty-seven. The acre sown is figured at wheat, seventy-four; rye, ninety-eight, and barley, one hundred.

Will It Reopen the Scandal?

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Francis D. Moulton was buried yesterday afternoon. There were no pall-bearers. Mr. Moulton's will is believed to contain a provision for the restoration of the Belder-Tilton documents which he had in his possession.

That Broadway Street Railroad.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The Board of Aldermen passed over Mayor Wilson's veto of the bill to give the Broadway Surface Railroad permission to construct a railroad on Broadway.

back in the business. The recent enactment repealing the laws requiring all American vessels arbitrarily to carry foreign mails, he says, should be supplemented by a provision that the contracts for carrying such mails in American line steamers over all the principal ocean highways should be let for terms of years to the lowest bidder, adequate compensation therefor to be paid by the Government upon the same principle as that adopted in establishing the great National post-roads on land.

CABINET TIMBER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The volunteer Cabinet-makers for the coming President are accumulating an enormous amount of material. The following list contains not all, but some of the more conspicuous, of the ministers that the Cabinet-makers have already chosen:

State—Mr. Bayard, Mr. Pendleton, Mr. Thurman.

Treasury—Mr. Carlisle, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Bland, Mr. Newell, Mr. Bland.

Interior—Mr. McDonald, Mr. Sterling Morton, Mr. Pendleton, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Hancock.

Justice—Mr. Garland, Mr. McDonald, Mr. M. Lane (Indiana), Mr. Grey (Delaware), Mr. Lamar.

War—General Sherman, General Franklin, General McPherson, General Gordon, Mr. Eaton, Mr. English, Mr. McDonald.

Navy—Mr. Stockton (New Jersey), Mr. Whitethorne (Tennessee), Mr. Hunton (Virginia), Mr. Whitney, Mr. Waller, Mr. Lockwood, Mr. English, Mr. Whyte.

Postmaster—Mr. W. Curtis, Mr. Money, Mr. Manning, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Hale, Mr. Burke, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Seales, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Wals, Mr. Lowrey, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Brown, Mr. Jones, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Waller, Mr. English, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Hubbard.

A STRONG LOBBY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The Chairman of the House Committee on Public Lands states that the Pacific railroads have pooled their issues and placed a strong lobby on duty. The Northern Pacific Forfeiture bill is likely to be the first one brought up, and its passage will restore to the public domain a tract for which an English syndicate is said to have offered \$350,000,000.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS GOING TO THE DEAD-LETTER OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The post-office officials find that a large number of packages of merchandise evidently intended for Christmas presents for friends in foreign countries are beginning to be sent through the mails. All articles of this character are inadmissible to foreign countries, and a consignment find their way to the dead-letter office.

THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The cap-stone of the Washington monument will this noon be lowered into place 553 feet from the ground. The cornerstone was laid in 1848 by Robert C. Winthrop, who has been selected to deliver the oration next February.

SEPHIR AND THE SENATESHIP.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The President has authorized the statement that he is not a candidate for Senator from New York, and is making no efforts in that direction. Should he be elected without an effort on his part, he would feel it a duty to serve, but he is not making any effort in that line as ascertained.

BEHIND THE BARS.

Indictment of the Ex-Cashier of the First National Bank of Monmouth, Ill.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Benjamin T. O. Hubbard, ex-Cashier of the First National Bank of Monmouth, Ill., was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury yesterday. He was arrested on bench warrant in the afternoon, and in default of \$20,000 bail was lodged in the county jail. Hubbard had been the cashier of the bank since 1857, and had exclusive control of its affairs. Last April the bank failed with liabilities amounting to about \$400,000. A few days later Hubbard disappeared, and it was discovered that he was a defaulter in the sum of \$363,000, of which \$118,000 were the funds of the bank and \$250,000 belonged to the depositors. It was subsequently ascertained that Hubbard was in Waukesha, Wis. He was arrested and taken to Monmouth. He had been traveling through Colorado and Wyoming, and claimed to be on his way home at the time of his arrest. The losses by the defalcation, however, thought he was on his way to Canada. After lying two weeks in the Monmouth jail he was released on \$10,000 bail. For some reason his case did not come before the last Federal Grand Jury, and he was again arrested September 21, last. He was held by Commissioner Hoyne in \$10,000 bail to await the action of the present Grand Jury.

Hubbard is about forty-five years of age and a man of family. He is intelligent, well-bred and agreeable in conversation. He says that most of the money was lost in stock speculations.

A NEW RAILROAD ORGANIZED.

The Eastern and Western Air-Line Company to Span Five States.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 6.—The directors and stockholders of the Eastern & Western Air-Line Railroad Company, who have been in session in this city since Monday, adjourned yesterday after effecting the consolidation of the five companies comprising the new company which is now permanently organized. The company authorized and adopted a first mortgage, and contracted for the construction of the road. Mr. H. A. Schwaecke, of Pittsburgh, has been appointed chief engineer, and will have charge of the construction. It is said that neither the bonds nor the stock of the company will be placed on the market until after the road is completed and in operation. The road will be constructed from the western portion of Pennsylvania by an air line to Cincinnati, Ohio, crossing the Mississippi at or near Aledo, Mercer County. The consolidated company is composed of the Eastern and Western air-line companies of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, and has a capital stock of \$52,000,000.

Railway Enterprise in Canada.

TORONTO, Can., Dec. 6.—It is stated that immediately on the arrival of George Stephen next week satisfactory arrangements will be made in regard to the Lachine bridge. A loan of nearly \$10,000,000, raised on bonds of the Quebec & Ontario Road, it is expected will be devoted to the Lachine bridge and its approaches; also for the extension of the line from Smith's Falls to Montreal, by way of St. Ann's. It is further stated that the Credit Valley line will be extended from St. Thomas to the Detroit River.

John McCullough to Be Restrained.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 6.—There is understood to be a movement on foot to place John McCullough, the tragedian, in an asylum, so that his mind can receive proper treatment. The effort is attributed to his wife. The actor is now in New York.

The Cotton Crop.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 6.—Hill, Fontaine & Co., of this city, estimate the cotton crop of this year at 5,650,000 bales. The frost of October 24 resulted in a loss of 100,000 bales.

NAVAL AFFAIRS.

Interesting Facts and Figures from the Report of Secretary Chandler.

His Method of Strengthening the Fleet—A Wrong System of Repairs—Other Suggestions.

Prominent Names Mentioned in Connection with the New Cabinet—Arthur and the Senatorship.

SECRETARY CHANDLER'S BRIEF.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The annual report of the Secretary of the Navy was made public yesterday. Secretary Chandler says three new ships have been successfully launched, and it has been shown that our steel-makers can readily furnish excellent material in large quantities. Its high quality being assured by the tests adopted. The department is confirmed in the opinion that the criticisms advanced last year against the new ships were of little moment or based upon theories at variance with the progress of modern ship-building. Comparisons of the speed of the new cruisers with that of the great trans-Atlantic racing steamers are unfair, because the latter attain their speed only by a sacrifice of the qualities that are essential to a ship-of-war. They are unprotected, manfully, and enormous in draft and dimensions. In a number of them the pressure for very high speed is small, and the new cruisers could overtake ninety-six per cent of the merchant steamers of the world. The rates of speed assigned to the new ships are based on a very conservative estimation of their probable performance, and they will undoubtedly exceed the estimates; but the first unarmed cruisers of the new American fleet are not intended for comparison in speed with the imported racing ships of enormous size, or in destructive power with the modern iron-clads.

The department in adopting the recommendation of the Advisory Board for additional new vessels, calls special attention to the necessity for torpedo boats. In general the Secretary recommends the construction of seven modern cruisers annually for a period of ten years. Such a plan, he says, while connoting to the conservative demands of our National policy and affording ample time for adopting every new device in construction, would give the country, at a moderate cost, a navy adequate to train its officers and maintain its safety and honor.

In regard to the existing navy Secretary Chandler says:

It appears from the condition of the fleet that at the end of fifteen years the only existing vessels in the present list remaining will be three small iron-vessels—the Monocacy, the Alert and the Ranger. The real explanation of the disparity is between the expenditures and the results accomplished in the last fifteen years. The policy is to maintain a fleet at a cost of \$100,000 to \$150,000 per annum for repairing and reconstructing in the absence of a fixed limit are terms easily in-terchangeable, and the published statement of our appropriations shows that the amount of money appropriated every year shows that our yards are unrestricted in their expenditures for repairs except by the gross amount of their annual appropriations. The practice of reconstructing vessels under the name of repair is only a pretext upon which our overgrown navy-yard establishments can be maintained.

Concerning the navy yards, the Secretary

states that only two naval workshops should be maintained on the Atlantic coast and one on the Pacific. The New London yard should be restored to Connecticut; the League Island yard to Philadelphia. The Boston yard should be so far reduced in size.

The Pensacola and the Portsmouth yards may be kept naval stations.

The workshops would then be at New York, Norfolk and Mare Island. These need certain improvements in their organization.

First, all politics should be excluded from their management; second, the responsibility for the work must be more definitely fixed.

The Gun-founding Board was reconvened

in April to decide on full plans and estimates to carry out its recommendations. It has obtained information that there are responsible steel manufacturers in this country who, although not provided at present with the necessary plant, are willing to construct the same and to make bids for contracts with the Government for a supply of material for the heaviest guns, if guaranteed that orders of sufficient magnitude, with a positive appropriation covering a series of years, shall be made by Congress.

Secretary Chandler next details the facts connected with trials in the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. The amount of suspected vouchers is \$124,825, extending over a period from 1876 to 1884. The Surgeon-General neglected to require the customary evidence that the goods had been received.

The frauds were made easier by the frequent use of the exigency clause, under which the purchases are made without advertising.

The expenditures of the department for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1884, were \$17,292,691. The estimate for the ordinary purposes and public work for the next fiscal year is \$17,860,658, and the estimates for the increase of the navy, \$15,071,572. Of this latter sum about one-half will be needed for the coming fiscal year.

The Secretary comments severely upon the existing practice of securing the solicitation of persons possessed of political and social influence in behalf of officers, whether for the purpose of obtaining agreeable duty or of effecting the restoration, by legislation, of those who have been dismissed for drunkenness or other misconduct, or for incapacity. He says that such restorations demoralize the service.

Public opinion should sternly condemn all who have been guilty of misconduct, as well as those who lend themselves to efforts for the restoration of officers removed. In discussing this subject he refers to the President's veto message on the Fitz John Porter bill as "pointing out the unconstitutional nature of such legislation, and as showing that the Constitution has provided an efficient barrier to any restoration by legislation of particular officers."

In conclusion the Secretary dwells upon the close connection between the improvement of the navy and the development of the merchant marine, and shows that to make the latter commensurate with trade, the coast line and number and width of the commercial cities, it is necessary to have great lines of ocean steamships of high speed and large capacity, carrying the flag to the most distant lands, and saving to the American people the vast profits of the carrying trade.

The only way to accomplish this result, he says, is through direct encouragement given by the Government, either in the form of bounties upon the construction or by payment for carrying the mails, so that American capitalists will be induced to em-



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